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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE  
INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY NICOSIA IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS ATHENS FOR RSO ROBINSON ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: TERRORISM: LEBANESE GROUP DEMANDS FOR HOSTAGE  
RELEASE

REF: BEIRUT 7649

1. APPRECIATE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN WITH VARIOUS AUTHORITIES IN LEBANON TO DEAL WITH EXTORTIONIST DEMAND. WE AWAIT WITH INTEREST RESPONSES OF THESE AUTHORITIES.
2. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE SHARE SKEPTICISM YOU EXPRESSED IN BEIRUT 7643 ON AUTHENTICITY OF EXTORTION LETTER. CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF OUR EXPERTS IN SUCH MATTERS IS THAT LETTER IS MOST PROBABLY A HOAX. UNLESS LEBANESE AUTHORITIES COME UP WITH SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION OR THERE ARE OTHER STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS, WE DO NOT

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RPT NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD DO ANYTHING FURTHER IN WAY OF

ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT TERRORISTS OR RESPOND TO THEIR  
REQUEST TO PUT NOTICE IN LOCAL PAPER.

3. WHILE OUR PRESENT THINKING IS THAT THIS IS A HOAX,  
THERE IS STILL POSSIBILITY THAT PERPETRATOR OF THIS ACT MAY  
TRY TO ESTABLISH FURTHER HIS CREDIBILITY BY SENDING

EMBASSIES BEIRUT (OR NICOSIA) MUTILATED ORGAN. SUGGEST  
EMBASSIES ARRANGE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS WITH MEDICAL  
PATHOLOGIST TO HAVE SUCH ORGAN ANALYZED URGENTLY AS TO ON-  
SET OF DEATH AND CHARACTER IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER  
IT MATCHES TIME-FRAME OF ABDUCTORS DEMANDS. SUCH INFORMA-  
TION MAY NOT PROVE CONCLUSIVELY AUTHENTICITY OF EXTORTION  
LETTER BUT IT COULD BE CLUE WHICH WE SHOULD TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHETHER TO PROCEED FURTHER. KISSINGER

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